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KUWAIT PASS MUSCAT

1. FOR MUSCAT: AFME IS SOLE REPRESENTATIVE FOR ETS EXAMS IN MIDDLE EAST. THEY ARE PREPARED TO ADMINISTER EXAMS ON REQUEST, CAN EXPEDITE TRANSMISSION OF MATERIALS.

2. DEPARTMENT HAS CONTACTED AFME PRESIDENT WHO HAS BRIEFED AFME REP PARKER. PARKER AVAILABLE IMMEDIATELY FOR CONSULTATION ANYWHERE. HE AWARE OF SITUATION BEIRUT AND OMAN, AWAITS POST ADVICE WHERE AND WHEN HIS PRESENCE REQUESTED. SUGGEST EMBASSY MUSCAT PASS ON MOST OF FOLLOWING TO EDUCATION MINISTER; IT HAS ALREADY BEEN DISCUSSED GENERALLY WITH OMANI EMBASSY WASHINGTON.

3. DEPARTMENT HAS CONTACTED INDIANA UNIVERSITY, LEARNED THE FOLLOWING FROM DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF ADMISSIONS, WHO IS FULLY AWARE OF INDIANA ROLE. UNIVERSITY HAS CONTRACTED IN PAST WITH AID AND FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS (EG, SAUDI MINED FOR SPECIAL 1 YEAR ENGLISH PROGRAM AFTER WHICH

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INDIANA SENDS STUDENTS ON TO GRADUATE PROGRAMS IN OTHER

US UNIVERSITIES.) I.U. SPECIALIZES IN A 6-MONTH TO

1 YEAR ORIENTATION AND ENGLISH ENRICHMENT PROGRAM.

4. JUMPER TRAVELLED TO OMAN WITHIN LAST 2-3 MONTHS. HE NOW WITH BUREAU OF CENSUS IN WASH DC ON SHORT TERM CONTRACT. I.U. HAS RECEIVED 8-10 APPLICATIONS FROM OMAN, BUT SOME APPLICANTS ARE PAKISTANIS, JORDANIANS, AND PALESTINIANS. ALL APPLICATIONS ARE INCOMPLETE (LACK ACADEMIC TRANSCRIPTS) AND ALL ARE UNIFORMLY POOR (BAD STUDENTS). FYI: NONE HAS BEEN TO EASTERN BLOC SCHOOLS.

5. INDIANA WOULD FAVOR ABOVE TYPE OF PROGRAM FOR OMANIS, BUT ARE SKEPTICAL OF QUALITY OF STUDENTS. THEY WILL REFUSE TO ADMIT POOR STUDENTS BECAUSE LONG AFTER JUMPER IS GONE, INDIANA WILL HAVE TO LIVE WITH THE PROBLEMS HE HAS CREATED. INSTEAD, ANY OMANI STUDENTS ADMITTED TO I.U. WILL BE ENROLLED ONLY RPT ONLY IN THE SPECIAL ENGLISH PROGRAM AND NOT IN ACADEMIC DEGREE PROGRAM. STUDENTS' SUCCESS IN THE ORIENTATION/ENGLISH PROGRAM WILL DETERMINE THEIR FUTURE ACCEPTABILITY FOR DEGREE PROGRAM APPLICATION, BUT THEY WILL HAVE TO APPLY FOR ADMISSION AFRESH; NO AUTOMATIC MATRICULATION IS OFFERED.

6. OMANI MINED HAS OFFERED INDIANA UNIV DOLS 20,000 AS TUITION AND FEES FOR TOTAL OF 8 OMANI STUDENTS FOR ENROLLMENT IN ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND ORIENTATION PROGRAM. FROM DESCRIPTION PROGRAM BY INDIANA ENGLISH LANGUAGE APPEARS OF HIGH QUALITY. THEY FULLY AWARE THAT STUDENTS LIKELY TO HAVE MINIMAL OR NO SKILLS IN ENGLISH AND ARE WILLING TO WORK FROM THERE.

7. DEPARTMENT HAS ALSO CONTACTED CARR OF LEWIS UNIV. HE HAS OFFERED TO PLACE OMANI STUDENTS IN OTHER U.S. SCHOOLS, BUT REPORTS HE HAS HAD ABSOLUTELY NO SUCCESS. FYI: HE HAS NOT TOLD THE OMANIS THIS; DEPARTMENT SUSPECTS THAT HE UNLIKELY TO BE ACCEPTED WARMLY IN ADMISSIONS OFFICES OF GOOD AMERICAN UNIVERSITIES. END FYI. CARR REPORTS OMANIS KEEN ON STUDENTS' RECEIVING BOTH PLACEMENT IN U.S. SCHOOLS AND FINANCIAL AID, WITH PERHAPS SOME LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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EMPHASIS ON THE LATTER. HE HAS OFFERED OMANIS FOUR FULL SCHOLARSHIPS AND TWO PARTIAL SCHOLARSHIPS. FULL SCHOLARSHIP COVERS DOLS 1800 TUITION PLUS DOLS 1,100 ROOM AND BOARD. OMANIS WILL FOOT THE BILL FOR ANY OTHERS.

8. LEWIS UNIVERSITY HAS NO RPT NO ADEQUATE FACILITIES OR STAFF FOR SPECIAL ORIENTATION OR ENGLISH LANGUAGE

PROGRAMS. CARR REPORTED HE INTENDED ANY SUCH PROGRAM

GEARED TO COPE WITH A GROUP OF OMANIS THIS SUMMER. HE EXPECTS 8. AWARE THEY WILL HAVE POOR IF ANY ENGLISH. HAS SO FAR RECEIVED ONLY ONE APPLICATION, DROPPED OFF IN PERSON BY YOUNG OMANI WHO VISITING BROTHER WHO WORKS FOR U.N. IN NEW YORK. THIS APPLICANT ADVISED CARR TO EXPECT 6-15 STUDENTS. CARR PLANNED PROGRAM OF TWO MONTH ENGLISH PRACTICE AND QTE EMOTIONAL COUNSELING UNQTE. HAS NO ENGLISH LANGUAGE SPECIALISTS CAPABLE OF COPING WITH OMANIS' DECIDED LANGUAGE PROBLEM. WHEN ASKED HOW HE EXPECTS TO TRANSFORM THESE PEOPLE INTO SERIOUS UNIVERSITY STUDENTS, CARR REPORTED HE WILL PLACE THEM IN DORMITORIES WITH QTE SENSITIVE STUDENTS UNQTE.

9. FROM ABOVE IT IS CLEAR THAT INDIANA AND LEWIS UNIVERSITIES REPRESENT TWO CLEARLY DIFFERENT APPROACHES TO FOREIGN STUDENT RECRUITMENT. LEWIS IS ON ITS LAST FINANCIAL LEGS AND REQUIRES STRONG INPUT OF NEW STUDENT MONEY TO REMAIN OPEN; APPEARS PREPARED TO DO ALMOST ANYTHING TO ACCOMPLISH THIS. INDIANA, NOTWITHSTANDING JUMPER, IS COMMITTED TO RESPECTABLE PROGRAM OF HIGHER EDUCATION, AS ARE MOST BONAFIDE U.S. SCHOOLS. DEPARTMENT URGES POST INFORM MINED AND ANY OTHER OFFICIAL WHO WILL LISTEN THAT OMANI STUDENTS WILL REQUIRE CAREFUL AND REPUTABLE COUNSELLING ABOUT U.S. INSTITUTIONS IF THEY WISH TO LOCATE IN APPROPRIATE UNIVERSITIES WITH MEANINGFUL ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE. DEPARTMENT WOULD BE FORCED TO DECLINE A FORMAL REQUEST FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE, SUCH AS CARR INTIMATED HE MIGHT SUBMIT, ON THE GROUNDS THAT THE INSTITUTION IS ABOUT TO LOSE ACCREDITATION AND IS UNWORTHY OF DEPARTMENT SUPPORT.

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10. SAYYID FAISAL RAISED OMAN'S INTEREST IN CLOSER CULTURAL AND EDUCATIONAL RELATIONS WITH US OVER TWO YEARS AGO. SINCE THAT TIME WE HAVE WORKED TOWARDS THIS GOAL. WE CONTINUE TO BELIEVE THAT OMAN'S AND OUR INTERESTS WOULD BE BEST SERVED BY USING HIGHLY QUALIFIED INSTITUTION SUCH AS AMERICAN FRIENDS OF THE MIDDLE EAST TO ASSIST IN PLACING OMANI STUDENTS AT ESTABLISHED AMERICAN EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS. OMAN SHOULD BE AWARE THAT A NUMBER OF LESSER AMERICAN COLLEGES GO OUT OF EXISTENCE EVERY YEAR. THESE ARE OFTEN THE ONES WHICH ACTIVELY SOLICIT STUDENTS FROM COUNTRIES, SUCH AS OMAN, WHICH HAVE NOT HAD EXTENSIVE CONTACT WITH AMERICAN EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS. SISCO

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